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FROM ENDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: FRENCH ADHERENCE TO IEA ALTERNATIVE SOURCES POLICY

1. REQUEST YOU INFORM QUAI D'ORSAY THAT IN COURSE OF MARCH 19 DINNER WITH DE GUIRGANGAUD, US WILL SEEK STATEMENT OF FRENCH POLICY IN REGARD TO ALTERNATIVE SOURCES POLICY NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY IEA.

2. RECOGNIZE THAT PERIOD FOLLOWING PREPCOM, WHICH MARTINIQUE ALLOTTED TO INTENSIVE COORDINATION OF CONSUMER POSITIONS, CAN BE USED TO ELABORATE FRENCH POSITION. HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH PREPCOM, US WOULD WISH TO KNOW BASIC FRENCH ATTITUDES, IN PARTICULAR TOWARDS MINIMUM PROTECTED PRICE, WHICH WOULD MOST NATURALLY BE APPLIED BY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, RATHER THAN BY EIGHT MEMBER STATES.

3. OTHER EIGHT AND FRANCE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS IN DETAIL IN NEW EC ENERGY COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE BEST VENUE FOR WORKING OUT DETAILS OF FRANCE'S RELATIONSHIP TO IEA POLICIES.VOLPE

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